

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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IMPACT OF GENETICALLY MODIFIED FOOD
Singh Shri Bhola

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has conducted/assisted any study to ascertain the impact of genetically modified foods on people's health, particularly women and children in the country;
- (b) if so, the details along with the outcome thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefore?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a) & (b): No. The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has informed that investigations to study impact of genetically modified foods on health have been carried out in experimental animals and not on humans. The available information based on the post marketing evaluation from other countries suggest no adverse event in spite of consumption of GM foods by human population for the last 10 years.

(c): The Government has issued a moratorium on field trials of GM foods and these have not been commercially released, therefore, the impact of these crops on human health cannot be evaluated at this stage.